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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Willie Mae "Sistah" Hopson on the occasion of her 80th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Hopson was born on October 22, 1935 to Ellen and Willie Gordon and enjoyed her journey through life alongside her brother, J.P. Gordon; she attended Roosevelt Jr. High School and Peoria High School; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Hopson worked for Caterpillar, Inc. for 27 years, retiring in 2000; she also worked for St. Francis Medical Center for over 13 years; she served as a Peoria County Commission Election Judge for 11 years; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Hopson is affectionately looked upon as the "neighborhood mom"; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Hopson has been a member of New Morning Missionary Baptist Church for 64 years and is a Golden Member; she currently serves as a Deaconess at her church and is the Missionary and Fundraising Chair; she is a former One Church, One Child foster care placement representative; she has been a member of the United States Bowling Congress for 40 years; and

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1           WHEREAS, Willie Hopson has been married to Artis Hopson for  
2   35 years and they have raised 6 children, all with successful  
3   careers; Mae Catherine Godhigh is a published author,  
4   inspirational speaker, and newspaper columnist and worked for  
5   District 150 for 36 years; Charles D. Thomas retired from the  
6   Caterpillar Tractor Company after 35 years; Wanda F. Thomas has  
7   worked for the City of Peoria for 16 years; Vachon Harper-Young  
8   works in the banking industry and has been a Vice-President for  
9   32 years; Waymon H. Harper, Jr. has worked for Champaign School  
10  District 4 for 20 years; and Andre A. Hopson served in the  
11  United States Army for 22 years and as a City of Peoria  
12  Firefighter for 25 years; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14  NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15  congratulate Willie Mae "Sistah" Hopson on her 80th birthday  
16  and we wish her many more wonderful years; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18  presented to Willie Hopson as an expression of our esteem and  
19  respect.